

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of :

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Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED

For: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL FOR ARTHRITIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: Box Missing Parts
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before "FIELD OF INVENTION", please add:

-- REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from provisional application Serial Number 60/228,081, filed September 25, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference to the extent it is consistent with this application. --

Please add after page 21, as the last one (1) page of the Application, the ABSTRACT, enclosed on a separate page 22 herewith.

REMARKS

I. APPLICANT AMENDED SPECIFICATION TO ADD REFERENCE TO A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND INTRODUCE THE ABSTRACT.

Applicants amended their specification to add a reference to a provisional application and to add an ABSTRACT as requested in the Notice to File Missing

Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated September 27, 2001. The ABSTRACT is supported by the application as filed. Therefore, entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment into the record is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

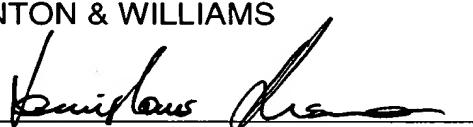
II. REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

An indication of allowance of all claims is solicited.

In the event any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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